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Radyr's Advanced Level Success

Radyr Comprehensive School Sixth Form in Cardiff ranks in the top 5% of over 2,600 schools and Colleges in the U.K and in 2019 the school was named the Sunday Times Welsh State School of the year!

Since delivering the Welsh Baccalaureate, the school has seen an improvement in students' results across their other subjects, as well as an improvement in the retention of students between years 12 and 13.

Studying the Skills Challenge Certificate has helped the students of Radyr Comprehensive School to develop a wide range of transferable skills; problem solving, critical thinking, planning, organisation, creativity, numeracy and literacy skills, to name a few.

The Individual Project has enabled learners to explore topics of interest in greater depth, which has been valuable when applying for university courses. Around two thirds of the students obtain offers from Russell Group Universities, and this has increased considerably over the last few years.

Last year, 370 out of a total 437 conditional offers made to Radyr students, included the Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate as part as their offer.

Universities making such offers include the following:

Exeter
Sheffield
Kings College
London

Durham
Bath
London School of
Economics

Manchester
Warwick
Loughborough

Birmingham
Bristol
Leeds

Liverpool
Nottingham
Cardiff
Swansea

As well as being beneficial for University, Radyr students have also used the Skills Challenge Certificate over the last few years to help them to secure apprenticeships, with organisations such as Rolls Royce, the BBC, BT and the Civil Service.

The essential and employability skills that are the focus of the Skills Challenge Certificate better prepare learners for further/higher education, employment and life.

